

they come to hand. The time appears to be lost either at headquarters or at the district office, where they are now sent for distribution instead of to the C.O.'s direct. The old way was much the shorter and more convenient.

THE Queen's Prize which was won by the Canadian team at Shoeburyness this summer is a magnificent piece of plate, and the members of the militia force of Canada should be proud of their representatives who managed to secure such a trophy for Canada.

THE Grenadiers made a fine show of shooting trophies in a King street window some time ago, the British Challenge Shield, the Carslake, the Tait-Brassey and Gzowski forming a fine quartet of prizes won by this regiment during the past year. They have secured an addition to their long list of first-class shots in the person of Lieut. A. D. Cartwright, who joins them as paymaster.

SERGEANT-MAJOR THORNE he is now called, having given up the old clothes business, and entered again the struggle of combatant service. MULVANEY.

NEWS FROM THE CITADEL.

QUEBEC, Oct. 27.—At the annual meeting of the Quebec Garrison Club, Capt. C. J. Dunn was re-elected secretary-treasurer, Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, R. O., was re-elected auditor, and Capt. F. Pennee elected in the place of Major Pinault, who withdrew after a term of years in that capacity. As representative on the committee for the Retired List, Major C. A. Pentland was re-elected.

THE annual competition for the Torrens Cup, confined to the officers of the 8th Batt. Royal Rifles, was fired off at the St. Joseph range, on the 17th, and was won by Capt. W. H. Davidson. Lieut.-Col. Scott, R.L., took second place, although it has been many years since he took part on the range.

THE annual rifle matches in connection with the Royal Canadian Artillery, took place on the 13th and 14th, at St. Joseph, and proved very successful. Capt. H. A. Panet was in command, and acted as range officer to the satisfaction of all parties interested. On the first day four matches were fired, namely, Nursery, Association, Canteen and Officers', and on the second the Consolation and Extra Series. The following were the winners in the aggregates: D.R.A. silver medal, Corp. Pugh; D.R.A. bronze medal, Corp. Aguis; Lieut.-Governor's silver medal, Corp. Pugh.

CAPT. P. E. GRAY, R.A., a graduate of the R.M.C., spent a few days in the city and was welcomed by his old comrades, many of whom he had not seen since 1882. He is stationed at Plymouth as staff captain in the School of Gunnery.

THE Quebec Association Football League was organized recently and has for its officers prominent military men as follows: Hon. patron, the Hon. Dr. Borden, M. P.; hon. president, Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.O.C. 7th M.D.; hon. vice-presidents, Lieut.-Col. C. E. Montizambert, R.C.A.; Lieut.-Col. G. R. White, 8th R.R.; Lieut.-Col. Roy, 9th Batt.; Major T. Hethrington, Q.O.C.H.; Capt. W. J. Ray, 8th R.R.

A MEETING of officers of the 8th R. R. took place recently, at which it was decided to purchase two Morris tubes for regimental use, and for which purpose the following were named a committee: Major J. S. Dunbar, Capt. H. J. Lamb and Lieut. R. Davidson. Capt. W. J. Ray was elected representative of the regiment on the Committee of the Garrison Club. The annual training of this corps will doubtless commence earlier than usual—some time in the month of February.

A COMPLIMENTARY dinner was tendered to the Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia and Defence, by the officers of the district, at the Garrison Club. About 75 officers were present and Lieut.-Col. Duchesnay, D.O.C. The Minister created a very

favorable impression, and from his speech it is anticipated that he is well disposed towards the Ancient Capital and will do his best to further its interests in a military sense, and from the previous neglect extended to the Garrison City there is ample room for good work.

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OFFICERS' SWORD EXERCISE AT INSPECTION.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Oct. 28.—Lieut.-Col. Gordon, of No. 4 Depot Co. R.R.C.I., has returned from England, and is looking well after his long absence. Major Wadmore, of this company, has been transferred to No. 1 Company; Capt. Eaton, who joined some few months ago, takes his place.

MILITARY men in St. John notice with pleasure that Major Drury, R.C.A., has lately been granted the brevet rank of lieutenant-colonel. He is a St. John man, and formerly held a commission in the artillery here.

I HAVE seen reports in the newspapers that a rifle company will be authorized in Fredericton, and the officers of the same were named. Surely this cannot be true, as the policy of the Militia Department for some years has been to discourage independent companies. It would be far better to increase strength of battalions by making the companies larger, or allow bands in excess of company strength.

I HAVE often wondered if inspecting officers deduct any points from companies or battalions, for officers' sword exercise. It can hardly be expected that any can be added, and yet this should be an important part of an officer's examination. It is really distressing to see some officers with scabbards hooked up and others allowed to drag, while swords are carried as if they were walking canes or broomsticks, and as for a proper salute!!! it seems to be about the last thing that an officer is taught, or wishes to learn. They may be minor matters, but they all tell and should be looked after.

THE inspection of the 3rd New Brunswick Regiment, C.A., here during this week has made the period quite a military one, and the corps have been kept hard at it almost day and night. Lieut.-Col. Montizambert arrived last Saturday, and his inspection began on Monday, when the annual firing took place at Fort Dufferin, occupying the whole day, detachments from each company taking part. Great interest was manifested in the competition, and several friends of the corps went to the Fort to see the firing, and partook of the officers' hospitality at lunch, which was served in a marquee on the grounds. The competition resulted as follows: The band, which is also No. 5 Company, Fairville, obtained first prize, \$32, with a score of 120.7; No. 3 Company, second prize, \$24, with a score of 115.2, and No. 2 Company third, winning \$16, with a score of 92.4. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the officers and non-commissioned officers were examined, and this decides the winner of the Botsford Cup, which is taken this year by No. 2 for the first time. They really tied with No. 4, but having better answers to officers' questions, were awarded the cup. Each company was also examined in gun and company drill on these evenings except No. 1, who were put through after the battalion inspection, which latter was held on Thursday evening, when, besides Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, there were also present Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D.O.C., and inspector of infantry, and Major Armstrong, D.P. The regiment, consisting of four companies and band in review order, under command of Lieut.-Col. Armstrong, with full complement of officers present, was drawn up in the drill shed, and received the inspecting officers with a general salute, and then marched past. Major Jones put them through the manual and firing exercises, which were well done, and then some battalion movements were performed, in all of which the men did very well, and moved steadily, though badly confined for space. Some of the formations were with markers and some without. The inspec-